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**To:**

**TECHNICAL**

**REQUIREMENTS**

**SCHEDULE – GB - 2005**

**FOR USDA PURCHASES OF**

**GROUND BEEF ITEMS,  
FROZEN**

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This amendment is issued to revise the requirements for finely textured beef within the **MATERIAL**, Boneless Beef Requirements section and to correct a typographical error within the **Fat Limitations** section of the Technical Requirements Schedule -GB-2005, 2005, effective date April 2005.

Page 2 of 12, **B. MATERIAL**, 2. *Boneless Beef Requirements*, d. Meat Recovery Systems, (2) *Finely Textured Beef*, delete the section in its entirety and substitute with the following new section.

*“(2) - Finely Textured Beef – Low temperature rendered beef that is processed from boneless beef trimmings and is finely textured is allowed to be used as boneless beef trimmings for fine ground beef products but not permitted for production of coarse ground beef (A594). When finely textured beef is used, the following criteria must be met:*

- (a) Combination Rate – The product will not exceed 15 percent by weight of the combined finished finely ground beef product (1/8 inch grinding plate).*
- (b) Red Color – The producer of finely textured beef shall assure that the product has a discernible redness in color. The finely textured beef shall maintain the same redness in color until the time of blending and grinding to minimize the effect of the color to the finished ground beef.*
- (c) Fat Content - Does not exceed 10% fat.*
- (d) Handling –The contractor shall document all procedures for handling of finely textured beef trimmings and must use it within 60 days of the date of production.*

Page 8 of 12, **E. FAT LIMITATIONS**, 2. *AMS Process Assessment* section, first full paragraph near top of page after “b)”, beginning with: *“The Contracting Officer reserves the right.....”*, fourth line, delete the word “or” after *“then the Contracting Officer”*.

This amendment is effective on or after August 2, 2005.